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## News and Notes - Area PSSC Meeting at Roosevelt in Des Moines

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in the **Iowa Science Teachers' Journal** Vol. I, No. 1. Copies of these same rules may be obtained by writing the director of Science Manuscripts.

The deadline dates for these papers are: for the library research the date has been set for March 31, 1964, and for the student's project report, April 1, 1964. Since these papers will become the property of I.J.A.S., the student will be given a "report card" that will evaluate his work.

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### **Outstanding Biology Teacher Award Program**

The committee for the selection of Iowa's Outstanding Biology Teacher for 1964 will begin evaluating candidates' applications on March 15, 1964. Two changes are being made this year in the program.

First, individual school administrators will not be contacted by mail asking for nominations from their school. The only formal announcement that will be made will be in the major newspapers in Iowa and in the Science Teachers' Journal. Secondly, candidates from 1962 and 1963 who have completed application will be considered again for 1964 without completing new forms. These candidates will be contacted by mail asking their permission to reconsider them. Persons who have been nominated but did not complete the personal data form will be contacted asking that they complete the personal data form so that they may also be considered.

The OBTA program was conceived in 1961 with the purpose of singling out one outstanding teacher in each state to represent all the Biology Teachers in their respective state in an effort to bring to the attention of the general public the importance of biology. William Houser of Des Moines Roosevelt received the honor in 1962 and Cameron Christensen of

Rockwell City was selected in 1963. Mr. Houser was honored at the regional level as well in 1962.

Anyone may nominate a teacher for the award. Nomination forms may be obtained by contacting Mr. Robert E. Cook, State Director, OBTA, Science Education, State University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa. The completed applications must be received by the state director by March 1st for a nominee to be considered.

### **Area PSSC Meeting at Roosevelt in Des Moines**

Since the PSSC physics program was introduced in 1957 the teachers using the PSSC materials have been meeting twice each year to report their progress, their success, and their difficulties. The meetings are held at Roosevelt High, Des Moines, under the very able leadership of Herman H. Kirkpatrick. The meeting this fall was held Saturday, December 7. Those attending saw a new film, **Electromagnetic Waves**, and a demonstration showing interference of microwaves. Dr. James E. Dixon, Physics Department, Iowa State University, explained the program of the newly organized Iowa Section of the American Association of Physics Teachers.

This group of teachers enjoys the opportunity to exchange ideas and to share a social hour over lunch. The next meeting will be held April 11 at the time of the Hawkeye Science Fair. The CHEM Study teachers will meet with Rex Morrison and the BSCS teachers will meet with William Houser at the same time. If you are teaching one of these courses you will want to put this date on your calendar.

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### **CONGRATULATIONS**

William V. Houser, a science teacher at Roosevelt High, Des Moines, has been named the Iowa Teacher of the Year for 1964. The Teacher of the Year is chosen by Look Magazine in cooperation with the Council of Chief State School Officers and the U. S. Office of Education.